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Applicants further understand that each dependent claim, even if not specifically addressed in the *Reasons for Allowance*, has been found to include a combination

features such that each dependent claim is neither anticipated nor obvious over the art of record, and the test for patentability has been properly applied to each allowed dependent claim. Thus, the patentability of the dependent claims is not based solely on their dependency on an allowed independent claim. In other words, each of the claims sets forth Applicants' contribution with particularity, and each claim is allowable in light of the complete language of the claim, as well as equivalents.

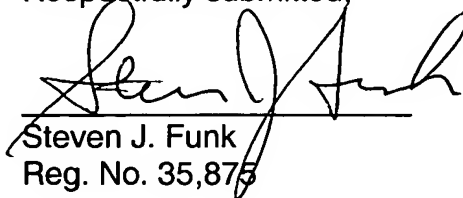
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

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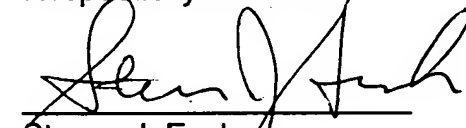
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